

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

ANDO, Koji, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1742

Serial No.: 10/706,276

Examiner: Harry D. Wilkins, III

Filed: November 13, 2003

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 5648

For:

PROCESS FOR REFINING RAW COPPER MATERIAL CONTAINING COPPER

SULFIDE MINERAL

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: April 3, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Notice dated March 6, 2008, in the above-identified application, please consider the Amendment as attached hereto. It is believed that a prior Amendment was inadvertently submitted in response to the last Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the subject application is now in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, the undersigned hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: December 20, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page seven of this paper.